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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed June 23, 2004. The Examiner has indicated that claims 45-57 are pending in the application and are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. Specifically, we understand that the Examiner has grouped the claims between Group I, claims 45-52, and Group II, claims 53-57. Group I is directed to an apparatus for holding and transporting slides, classified in class 422, subclass 140, and Group II is directed to a method of holding and processing slides, classified in class Application Serial No. 10/024,269 Response dated July 23, 2004 Reply to Office Action (Restriction Requirement) of June 23, 2004

436, subclass 73. Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 45-52, directed to an apparatus for holding and transporting slides. This election is made without traverse.

Examination on the merits of elected claims 45-52 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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